

## APA STYLE FOR CITING ELECTRONIC SOURCES

The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA) is the standard writing guide for psychology and other disciplines in the social sciences. The following information is taken from the 6th edition (2010). If you don't find the information and/or examples you need here, consult the full *Publication Manual* at the reference desk, 808.06615 P976 2010. **ALSO: The Online Writing Lab at Purdue University has created a very good online guide (with many examples) to the APA style. You can access it at: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>.**

**Research Tip:** As you proceed with your research, **print the first page** of any electronic source you will be citing in your paper. This printed copy will usually include the URL (network address) – information that may be needed for the citation.

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In the text of your paper, you must document sources from which you are quoting or paraphrasing using brief parenthetical citations that correspond to your list of references. When paraphrasing, include the author and date of the work. For quotations, cite the author, date and page number if provided. If a work has no author, use the title for the in-text citation.

There are two basic methods for in-text citations:

**Integrating the authors' names into the sentence:** As Parker and McKinney (1999) demonstrated in their study . . .

**Including the authors' names in a parenthetical citation:** “The current system of managed care and the current approach to defining empirically supported treatments are shortsighted.” (Beutler, 2000, Conclusion section, ¶1).

**For works with 2 authors:** Always list both authors' surnames every time you refer to that work. *Note: When there are two authors and is used in the text while & is used in the parenthetical citation and in the Reference list.*

**Examples:** As Nightlinger and Littlewood (1993) demonstrated ... or As has been shown (Nightlinger & Littlewood, 1989)...

**For works with more than 2 authors or with corporate authors, refer to the Publication Manual, section 6.12.**

### The Reference List

The list of references appears at the end of the paper. Each citation begins with the same information provided for a print source and ends with information on where and when that information was retrieved. At times, only some of the traditional citation information will be available on a website. When an element is missing, omit it. For example, if no author is given, begin your citation with the title. Always include the date after the first element listed. Center the title, References (Reference, if there is only one) at the top of the page. Double-space all reference entries and double-space between the title and the first reference entry. Begin each entry flush with the left margin; if an entry runs more than one line, indent the subsequent line(s).

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<b>Book from the Web</b>	Schiraldi, G. R. (2001). <i>The post-traumatic stress disorder sourcebook: A guide to healing, recovery, and growth</i> . doi: 10.1036/0071393722
	Kellogg, V. L. (1918). <i>The food problem</i> . Retrieved from <a href="http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/HumanEcol.Foodproblem">http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/HumanEcol.Foodproblem</a>

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<b>Format</b>	Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of article or part of the book. In Editor's Initials Last Name (Ed.) <i>Title of book</i> . doi: [if doi number is not available, then Retrieved from Internet address]
<b>Author/Editor</b>	Russell, B. (1921). A Free man's worship. In C. Morley (Ed.) <i>Modern Essays</i> . Retrieved from <a href="http://www.bartleby.com/237/26.html">http://www.bartleby.com/237/26.html</a>

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<b>Format</b>	Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year, Month day). Title of Article. <i>Title of Newspaper</i> , p. (or pp.) page numbers.
<b>One author</b>	Hilts, P. J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. <i>New York Times</i> , pp. A1, A4.

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<b>More than two authors</b>	Borman, W. C., Hanson, M. A., Oppler, S. H., Pulakos, E. D., & White, L. A. (1993, June). Role of early supervisory experience in supervisor performance. <i>Journal of Applied Psychology</i> , 78, 443-449.

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<b>Format</b>	Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year, Month day [if applicable]). Title of Article. <i>Title of Magazine or Journal, volume number [in italics]</i> (issue number), page number(s).
<b>One author</b>	Thompson, M. (2008, June). America's medicated army. <i>Time</i> , 171(24), 38.

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<b>Journal with volume, id and doi</b>	Fredrickson, B. L. (2000, March 7). Cultivating positive emotions to optimize health and well-being. <i>Prevention &amp; Treatment</i> , 3, Article 0001a. doi:10.1037/1522-3736.3.1.31a
<b>Magazine article without doi</b>	Cullen, D. (2004, April 20). The depressive and the psychopath: At last we know why the Columbine killers did it. <i>Slate</i> . Retrieved from <a href="http://www.slate.com/id/2099203">http://www.slate.com/id/2099203</a>
<b>Newspaper article</b>	Brody, J. E. (2007, December 11). Mental reserves keep brain agile. <i>The New York Times</i> . Retrieved from <a href="http://www.nytimes.com">http://www.nytimes.com</a>

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<b>Gov't author</b>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. (2003). <i>Managing asthma: A guide for schools</i> . NIH Publication No. 02-26500. Retrieved from <a href="http://www.nhibi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/asth_sch.pdf">http://www.nhibi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/asth_sch.pdf</a>

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